

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2676 - HB 2803

January 22, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective October 1, 2008, offenders convicted of animal abuse defined as aggravated cruelty of animals, felony animal fighting, and bestiality are required to register with a newly created animal abuser registry within 48 hours of establishing or changing residences, becoming employed or a student in Tennessee, practicing a vocation, or being released on probation or other alternatives to incarceration. First time registrants must pay \$275 to the registering agency, which retains \$25 of such fee to defray administrative costs. The remaining \$250 is sent to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). Such offenders must report once a year to the appropriate registering agency to update records and pay \$100 fee. The TBI is responsible for designing, printing and distributing registration forms. Failure to comply with registration requirement is a Class E felony offense punishable by fine only (up to \$3,000). Such fines are earmarked for TBI to defray costs of implementation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant

**Increase State Expenditures - \$22,500/One-Time
\$4,800/Recurring**

Increase Local Gov't. Revenue – Not Significant

Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures – Not Significant

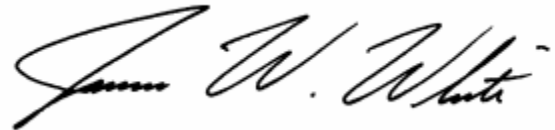
Assumptions:

- According to the Board of Probation and Parole and the Department of Correction, approximately three offenders per year would be required to register. The cost of processing the additional number of offenders would be not significant and could be accommodated within existing resources.
- TBI would have a one-time increase in expenditures of \$22,500 due to programming changes to the existing sexual offender registry of \$20,000 and \$2,500 for the initial cost of printing revised registration forms.

- Recurring expenditures of \$4,800 reflect a slight increase in monthly maintenance and support costs for the SENT Software contract.
- Since approximately three offenders will register per year and most will be unable to pay the registration fee or fine, no significant revenue will be generated.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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